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1. SUMMARY. USG REACTION TO GOR DRAFT CONVEYED AUG 29 TO MINAG, WHICH CONSIDERING RESPONSE. GOR PROPOSES TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS FOLLOWING MICULESCU'S ARRIVAL. EMBASSY SENSES THAT GOR DESIRE TO CONCLUDE AGREEMENT DURING MINISTER'S VISIT IS SUFFICIENTLY STRONG THAT GOR WILL BE FLEXIBLE. WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE WASHINGTON REACTION TO GOR PROPOSAL FOR STRIPPED-DOWN VERSION OF GOR DRAFT AGREEMENT. END SUMMARY

2. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTAL A EMBOFFS CALLED UPON DEPY MINAG STANCIU TO RELAY DEEPLY-APPRECIATED, PROMPT WASHINGTON REACTION TO GOR DRAFTS. DEPUTY MINISTER APPEARED TO BE RECEPTIVE TO USG OBJECTIONS. ON GOR DRAFT "AGREEMENT" STANCIU STATED THAT GOR PREPARED TO DELETE REFERENCE TO JOINT COMMISSION

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(ART V, PARAS 1-3 FOUND IN PARA 1, REFTEL B). IN RESPONSE TO OUR

OBJECTION ABOUT LEVEL OF RESOURCE COMMITMENT IMPLICIT IN GOR DRAFT, STANCIU SUGGESTED ANNEXING TO THAT AGREEMENT SHORT LIST OF PROJECTS ALONG LINES OF LAST PARAGRAPH OF OUR APPENDIX II WHICH WOULD SET LIMITS TO OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH SIDES. WITH RESPECT TO "PROTOCOL" STANCIU NOTED OUR PROBLEMS ON POINTS CONTAINED IN PARA 6 OF REFTEL A, SEEMINGLY ACCEPTING RATIONALES WE PROVIDED.

3. DEPUTY MINISTER INDICATED THAT OUR RESPONSE WOULD BE COMMUNICATED TO DEPY PM MICULESCU. GOR REACTION WOULD THEN BE HANDCARRIED TO U.S. WHERE GOR PROPOSED NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. WE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO COMMUNICATE GOR POSITION TO WASHINGTON IN ADVANCE OF MINISTER'S ARRIVAL, NOTING THAT EITHER AMBASSADOR'S RECEPTION FOR MICULESCU ON SATURDAY OR MINISTER'S DEPARTURE ON MONDAY WOULD OFFER OPPORTUNITY FOR GOR TO PASS ON RESPONSE.

4. THROUGHOUT MEETING STANCIU MAINTAINED AIR OF OPTIMISM THAT AGREEMENT COULD BE CONCLUDED DURING MICULESCU'S VISIT. GOR DESIRE FOR AGREEMENT AND CONVICTION THAT SIGNING POSSIBLE WITHIN MICULESCU'S ABBREVIATED STAY ALSO MANIFESTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU DURING LUNCHEON FOR AMBASSADOR. ALTHOUGH WE OBVIOUSLY CANNOT BE CERTAIN, THIS SUGGESTS THAT GOR WILL DISPLAY SOME FLEXIBILITY.

5. WHAT GOR SEEMS TO VALUE MOST AT THIS STAGE IS RETENTION OF SEPARATE "AGREEMENT". STANCIU'S EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ELIMINATE EDIFICE OF JOINT COMMISSION AND TO HAVE QUALIFYING LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD LIMIT OUR RESOURCE COMMITMENTS MEETS OUR BASIC OBJECTIONS (PARAS 2 AND 3 OF REFTEL A) AS WE UNDERSTAND THEM. WE WOULD THEREFORE HOPE THAT, SHOULD EVIDENCE OF ROMANIAN TRACTABILITY TO BORNE OUT, WE WOULD BE PREPARED IN TURN TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING OF FORM (BUT NOT SUBSTANCE) OF SOVIET AGREEMENT.

6. WE WOULD DEEPLY APPRECIATE IF USDA, STATE AND OTHER AGENCIES CONCERNED WERE ABLE TO GIVE US INITIAL THOUGHTS ON APPROACH IN PRECEDING PARAGRAPH, WHICH AMBASSADOR MIGHT USE IN HIS CONVERSATION WITH DEPY PM TOMORROW EVENING. THIS REPLY SHOULD BE SENT IMMEDIATE SINCE CODE ROOM WILL BE OPEN SATURDAY UNTIL NOON LOCAL TIME.

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